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OKLAHOMA MAN CONVICTED OF THREATENING TEXAS JUDGE, LAWYERS

(Sherman, TX) A 58-year-old Colbert, Oklahoma man has been found guilty of Mailing Threatening Communications to a state district judge and two local attorneys in the Eastern District of Texas. A federal jury convicted **ARTHUR MARCUS BOYD** today on eight counts of sending threatening communication through the mail.

According to information presented in court, Boyd was arrested in May 2005 after sending extortion letters threatening to injure the reputations of state district judge Rim Nall and Sherman attorneys Scott Pelley and Mike Wynne. Boyd distributed disparaging flyers and similar signs throughout Grayson County regarding the men. In the letters, he demanded they each pay him to discontinue the distribution of these items. Boyd was indicted by a federal grand jury on April 14, 2005.

The verdict was returned this afternoon after a three day trial before United States District Judge Richard Schell. The jury deliberated about six hours before reaching their verdict.

Boyd faces up to two years in federal prison on each count and a fine of up to \$250,000. A sentencing date has not been set.

The case was investigated by the Federal Bureau of Investigation and prosecuted by Assistant United States Attorneys Maureen Smith and Heather Rattan. ###